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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

PERIOD 110701 - 120700 OCTOBER 1962

1. CARIBBEAN

a. CINCPAC ADVISED JCS THAT ASSIGNMENT OF 5TH MEB WITH ASSOCIATED AMPHIBIOUS LIFT FROM PACOM TO SUPPORT CINCLANT IN EXECUTION OF CINCLANT OPLANS 314 AND 316 IS CURRENTLY FEASIBLE.

HOWEVER, IF THIS MOVE IS DIRECTED IT WILL CAUSE:

- (1) REDUCTION OF AMPHIBIOUS LIFT BACKUP FOR SEVENTH FLEET.
- (2) REDUCTION IN CAPABILITY TO REINFORCE SOUTHEAST ASIA CONTINGENCIES.
- (3) CANCELLATION OF 25TH DIVISION PHIBLEX.
- (4) DISRUPTION OF FLEET REFRESHER TRAINING FOR HALF OF SHIPS INVOLVED.
- (5) SUBSTITUTION OF 8.5 KNOT LSTs FOR TWO OF REQUIRED EIGHT LSDs.
- (6) SCHEDULING PROBLEM IN ORDER TO PROVIDE LPH.

CINCPAC FURTHER CITED THAT IF FORCE IS PREPOSITIONED ABOARD SHIP IN LANTCOM AREA, THE LANDING FORCE READINESS POSTURE WILL DETERIORATE AFTER 4 -6 WEEKS. ALSO, IF FORCE MAKES ROUND TRIP TO CARIBBEAN WITHOUT A FIGHT IT WILL LIKELY HAVE A CHAIN EFFECT ESTIMATED AT TWO MONTHS ON SCHEDULED ROTATION TO WESTPAC OF 1 LPH, 1 BLT, 1 HMM, AND 1 VMA.

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b. CINCLANTFLT DIRECTED COMNAVAIRLANT AND CG FMFLANT TO ENSURE THEIR AIR TRAINING SYLLABUS INCLUDES TRAINING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE MODERN, HARDENED AND DEFENDED AIR TARGETS CURRENTLY CITED IN LATEST INTELLIGENCE REPORTS OF CUBAN BUILD UP.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE TACTICS AND WEAPONS FOR DESTRUCTION OF THESE TARGETS WILL BE FULLY DEVELOPED AND DOCUMENTED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

CINCLANTFLT 102246Z (S)

2. MARINE CORPS

a. CG FORTRPS, FMFLANT ADVISED CG FMFLANT THAT CERTAIN CRITICAL SPARE PARTS FOR LVT P-5 ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY OR NOT AVAILABLE, AND THE CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF LVTs AT PRESENT RATE CAN SERIOUSLY EFFECT COMBAT READINESS OF 2D AMTRAC BATTALION.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY CG FMFLANT, USE OF LVTs WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) SUPPORT OF AFLOAT BLTs.
- (2) VITAL EXERCISES TO TEST OR IN SUPPORT OF CONTINGENCY PLANS.
- (3) MINIMUM ESSENTIAL TRAINING OF LVT CREWMEN.
- (4) SPECIAL MISSIONS DIRECTED BY CG FMFLANT.

CG FORTRPS FMFLANT 111512Z (C)

b. CMC REQUESTED CNO EQUIP ALL MARINE F4B (F4H) SQUADRONS FOR AIR-TO-SURFACE CONVENTIONAL ORDNANCE CAPABILITY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

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PENDING RECEIPT OF NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND DETERMINATION OF AVAILABILITY OF ORDNANCE, CMC DIRECTED FMF COMMANDERS TO PLACE EMPHASIS IN F4B (F4H) TRAINING ON ALL WEATHER INTERCEPT, ESCORT, AERIAL REFUELING, AND CARRIER QUALIFICATION.

CMC 111335Z (C)
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c. A MARINE SENTRY WAS SHOT AND KILLED ON 11 OCTOBER AT THE NAVAL AIR STATION, KEY WEST, FLORIDA. THE REPORT INDICATED THE SHOT WAS APPARENTLY ACCIDENTALLY INFILCTED BY ANOTHER MARINE WHILE BOTH MEN WERE PERFORMING GUARD DUTIES.

MARBKS KWEST 120327Z (U)

3. MOVEMENTS

a. BLT 2/8, COMMANDED BY LTCOL STANFORD, WAS ACTIVATED FOR PLANNING ON 10 OCTOBER FOR LANFORMED 1-63.

CG 2D MARDIV 111944Z (C)

4. DEFCONS

a. NO CHANGE.

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